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SUBJECT: ROKG CONCERN OVER CONGRESSIONAL ACTIONS

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TOKYO FOR AMBASSADOR SNEIDER ONLY

1. PARALLEL TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S REPRESENTATIONS TO YOU IN SEOUL, THE ROK EMBASSY APPROACHED THE DEPARTMENT EXPRESSING ACUTE CONCERN AT THE ESCALATION OF THREATENING CONGRESSIONAL STATEMENTS IN WASHINGTON THESE PAST FEW DAYS.

2. IN VIEW OF THE INCREASING CHANCES OF MISCALCULATION
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3. YOU SHOULD INFORM THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF O'NEILL'S
COMMENTS, AND COUNSEL CALM PATIENCE UNTIL THE PRESENTLY
AGREED SCENARIO CAN BE FURTHER IMPLEMENTED. PRESS WILL
CONTINUE TO SPECULATE AND VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS WILL CONTINUE
TO SOUND OFF UNTIL THERE IS AN AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT ABOUT
TONGSUN PARK'S AVAILABILITY. THUS IT WILL BE IMPORTANT FOR
KIM TO RETURN HERE AS SOON AS FEASIBLE AND DIRECTLY CONVEY
HIS FULL MESSAGE TO O'NEILL.

4. COMMENT: IT IS STILL OUR ESTIMATE THAT THE BEST WAY
TO DEAL WITH CONGRESSIONAL PROBLEMS, INCLUDING DEMANDS FOR
ACCESS TO FORMER ROK DIPLOMATS, IS TO WORK PROMPTLY FOR
DEMONSTRABLE PROGRESS IN THOSE AREAS WHERE WE KNOW PRACTICAL
COMPROMISES CAN BE ACHIEVED. WE ARE URGING THE ROK EMBASSY
HERE TO REMAIN CALM IF POSSIBLE, IN THE FACE OF PUBLIC
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